

REMARKS

Claims 114-119, 123-132 and 135-146 are pending.

Claims 114-119, 123-126 and 135-146 are newly canceled by Applicant, without prejudice.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates that Claims 127-132 are allowed.

Applicant has newly amended allowed claim 132, so that it depends from allowed claim 127, removing its dependancy from now canceled claim 126.

The claim amendments find support in the specification and the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been entered.

Withdrawn rejections and objections

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the withdrawn rejections and objections.

35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph - enablement

The office action indicates that claims 115-116, 118-119, 123-125, 135-136 and 138-146 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Applicant respectfully traverses, but solely in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has newly canceled claims 115, 116, 118-119, 123-125, 135-136 and 138-146, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the instant rejection.

35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph – written description

The Office Action indicates that Claims 115-116, 118-119, 123-125, 136, 138, 141 and 142-146 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicant respectfully traverses, but solely in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has newly canceled claims 115, 116, 118-119, 123-125, 136, 138, and 141-146, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the instant rejection.

Double patenting

Claims 114 – 119, 123 – 126, 135, 137, 139, 141 and 145-146 are rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2 - 3 of U.S. Patent No. 5,684,133.

Applicant respectfully traverses, but solely in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has canceled instant claims 114 - 119, 123 – 126, 135, 137, 139, 141 and 145 - 146, without prejudice, rendering their rejection moot.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the instant rejection.

Allowable subject material

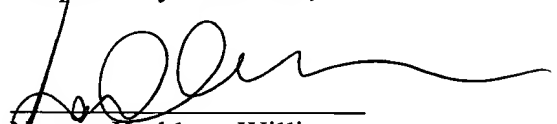
The office action indicates that claims 127 – 132 are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully request early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney/agent would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney/agent of record.

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